2.1 REQUESTING A COMPANY ACCOUNT

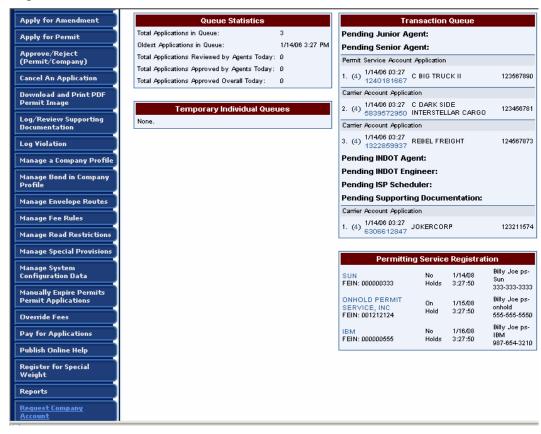
A carrier (or permitting service) may request a company account with the State either by mail, in person, or online. The online process corresponds to the physical M-201 and M-203 paper forms. A company account is required for the company to do OSW-related business with the State.

Company representatives can submit this information online, or they can mail-in or walk-in the information using the M-201 or M-203 form to the MCSD service center. Authorized MCSD users will enter the M-201/203 form information into the OSW system.

Screen 1: Start the Request

Each user has a "home page" for the OSW system that is customized to show the specific functionality that the user is authorized to access. Customers without access to the system have an "anonymous" home page with limited information, while MCSD supervisors have the greatest access to system functionality.

Users that have the ability to enter a company request will find a menu item titled "Request Company Account" in their menu bar. [The graphic below comes from a menu for a MCSD supervisor.] Clicking on the menu item will start the request.



Screen 2: Enter Company Information

The next screen is where the data entry for the company information will occur. The screen is divided into 10 data entry sections, each corresponding to a specific category of information required. Unless indicated below, all fields are required.

The process for filling out these fields is as follows.

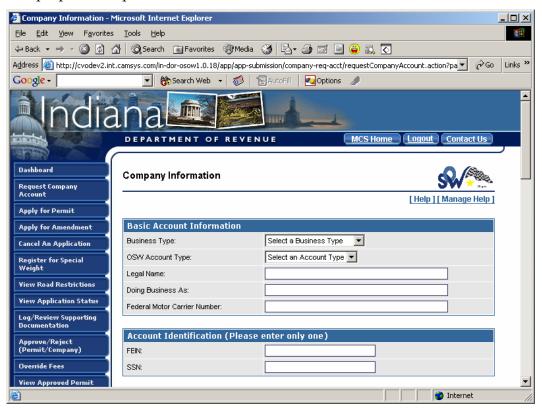
The *Basic Account Information* section captures the official information by which the company will be referenced in the system. The *OSW account type* can be one of two choices:

- A carrier that actually operates the vehicle; or
- A *permitting service* that purchases permits on behalf of carriers.

The legal name field captures the name by which the company will be referenced in the system. For carriers, this is the name that will be printed on all permits.

If the business type field was set to a carrier, the user will be asked to provide the *Federal Motor Carrier* number. However, this is not a required field. If the business type field was set to a permitting service, this field is not required.

Account identification is needed to provide the OSW system with a unique code for the company. Most companies will provide their Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN). Sole proprietors, however, will often not have an FEIN; therefore the system requires the Social Security Number for companies that are sole proprietorships.



The vast majority of motor carriers must have a **U.S. DOT number**. There are specific exemptions to this rule, however. If the carrier has a valid exemption, the exemption checkbox should be selected. If not, the carrier's U.S. DOT number will be required.

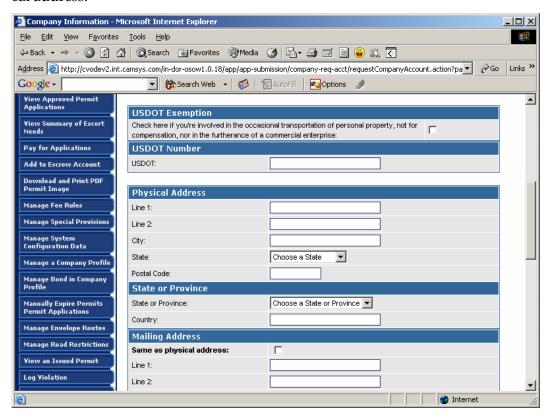
This section of the screen will disappear if a permitting service is selected as the company type.

The next item is the *physical address* of the company, consisting of four items:

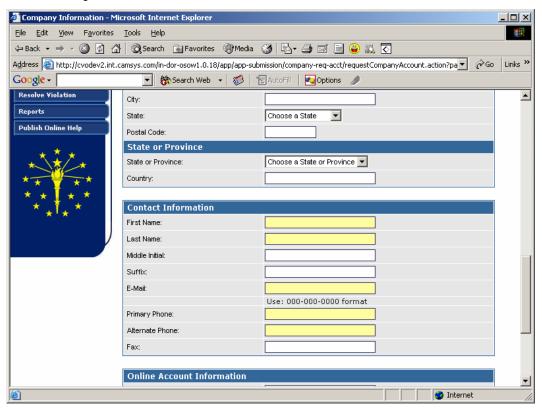
- 1. Street Address (only the first line is required);
- 2. *City*;
- 3. State (from a drop-down list of choices); and
- 4. Postal Code.

Foreign carriers have two additional fields, corresponding to the *jurisdiction* and *country* of their company. These fields are only required for companies without a physical address in the United States.

Many companies will have a *mailing address* that is identical to the physical address. In these situations, just place a check mark in the corresponding box, and the system will copy in all of the physical address information. Otherwise, the fields for mailing address are identical in requirements to those for the physical address.



The next set of information is the *contact information* for the company. Each company requires a point of contact. The *first name, last name, primary phone number,* and *fax number* are required. The *middle initial, suffix,* and *alternate phone number* are optional. For online carriers, e-mail address is required; for all other users, it is optional. Phone numbers should be in the format *888-555-5555*.

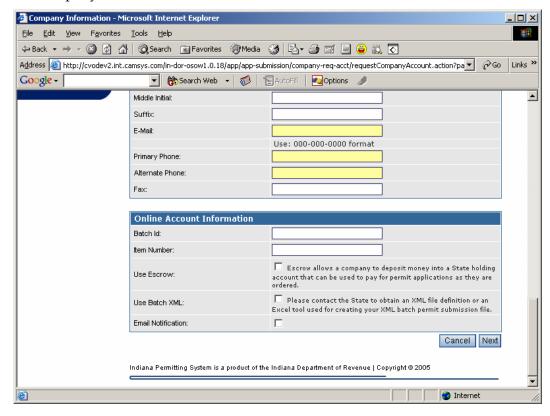


The remainder of the data entry involves general *online account information*. For mail-in or walk-in company requests, MCSD staff must enter the batch ID and item number assigned to the application request as part of MCSD's document logging and filing protocol. Storing the batch ID and item number in the system makes it easier to retrieve the original document should questions arise.

The final three fields are optional checkboxes corresponding to specific functionality within the system:

- Escrow is a payment mechanism available that allows a company to submit funds in advance to MCSD and then draw against those funds as permits are purchased. Escrow is not required, but is often considered a convenient method by companies;
- 2. *Batch XML* allows companies that purchase a large volume of permits to bypass the data entry for each permit and submit a series of permits in a single file. Batch XML is most appropriate for companies that store permit request information in their own legacy system, where the system can gener-

- ate the file. For these companies, Batch XML reduces data entry. Each company is responsible for creating its own batch XML file; and
- 3. *E-mail Notifications* are available if an e-mail address has been provided to notify the company about various events in the system. Examples include a notification that permit review has been completed, a notification that the company has been placed "on hold" for a violation, and a notification that a company's escrow balance has fallen below a defined threshold.



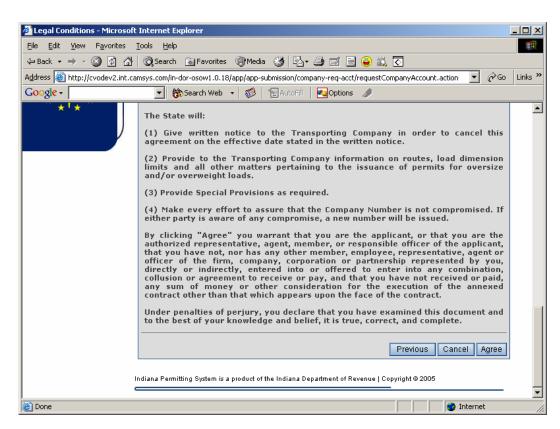
Once the user has completed the above data entry, the user can proceed to the next screen by clicking the "Next" Button.

Screen 3: Review Legal Conditions

The next screen provides the user with the legal conditions for a company account. The legal conditions differ based on the type of company account requested. The user must affirm that the conditions were read and that the company agrees to the conditions. [For MCSD users, the M-201/203 paper forms have a company signature block where such an affirmation is made.]

The user clicks on the "Agree" button to continue. The user also may choose to go back to the previous screen, or cancel the entire application.





Screen 4: Confirm the Request

The final screen requests that the user confirm the information submitted on Screen 2. All of the information is provided, and the user must click the "Confirm" button to actually submit the application for review. The user also may choose to go back to the previous screen, or cancel the entire application.

When a company clicks the "Confirm" button, they are returned to the home page. When MCSD users click the "Confirm" button, they are immediately taken to the appropriate screen to approve the request, as described in the next section.